

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 18, 2015, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Chris Martin and Andy Perchlik; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Will Walters (Hardwick Gazette)

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Andrew Perchlik

Changes or additions to the agenda: none

Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the July 14th and July 28th.

Winter sand: Ken Davis did not attend.

New Computer for Listers: The Board approved the purchase of a computer and backup system from Ormsby's Computer Systems.

Bunker Hill Circle drainage: Sunwise Surveying reset the pins along the road adjacent to the Lawrence property. Now that the Town's boundary is clear, the Board can discuss options with the landowners.

Bus Shelter: The Board signed a resolution confirming that they will contribute 10% of the cost of the bus shelter that will be installed at the Old Schoolhouse Common, up to \$2,500. The money will come from the Town's Park and Ride Grant.

GMP's proposal to spray herbicide in to clear power lines in the Stranahan Town Forest: The Board declined the request based on the advice of the Conservation Commission and Stranahan Stewardship Committee.

Bike Path, Stranahan Town Forest: Work has begun on the bike path. While they were working, the bike club members were told that the proposed location passes close to what might be a vernal pool. The Selectboard will notify the bike club that they are allowed to continue, based on their prior agreement, and they will let the Stranahan Committee know that if they have any concerns they should contact the Selectboard to discuss it.

The Board received a request from the Stranahan Stewardship Committee to fix the Thompson

Road, because it's a Class 4 road. Chris stated that it doesn't make sense to spend the money to upgrade the road and then not let anyone drive on it. He agrees that it would make sense to repair the road so that it can be used, but then the use has to be allowed. The Board will inform the Committee that they need to come up with a plan for use of the road before money is spent to fix it. They also need to come up with a plan for maintenance and for dealing with the beavers.

Selectboard vacancy: The Board discussed possible candidates. They tabled the appointment.

Cemetery work plan/budget for 2015: The Board reviewed the balance in the cemetery operating fund (\$31,503) and the perpetual care fund (\$110,021). The Board discussed the work needed to improve the drainage in Eaton Cemetery. Scheduling will depend on the availability of the Road Crew or Road Foreman to do the work. Chris will talk to Road Foreman Dan Tetreault about the project. He will also talk to the Sexton about what the Town should do when stones are beyond repair.

Request for speed patrol: The Town cannot hire a constable from another town, but the State Police might be available. Chris will get more information.

Illegal Dumping: Bobbi notified the Board that there has been more dumping on the railroad bed. The State has been notified.

ATV's: The Town received a complaint about ATV's being ridden on Upper Depot Road, in an unsafe manner. The Board will include this in their discussions with the police.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the August 18, 2015 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
